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Whereas it is the mission of the Ability Center of Greater Toledo to assist people with disabilities to live, work and socialize in the community and

Whereas individuals with disabilities can only accomplish independence by being given every opportunity afforded to those without disabilities and

Whereas individuals with disabilities must be afforded protection from discrimination by any individual or organization with whatever means necessary to guarantee that protection, including the ability to pursue monetary damages and

Whereas Jeffrey Sutton is an outspoken states' rights, federalist advocate and

Whereas Jeffrey Sutton opposes an individual's right to pursue monetary damages in federal court in the event of discrimination by a state agency and

Whereas Jeffrey Sutton has challenged, through arguments in the U.S. Supreme Court, the constitutionality of the ADA, the legitimacy of documented discrimination based on disability by the states, and has pursued numerous cases which could reduce the impact of other federal civil rights laws and

Whereas the nomination of Jeffrey Sutton to the Sixth District Court of Appeals presents a direct threat to the civil rights of individuals with disabilities.

Be it resolved that on this date, July 9, 2001, the Ability Center of Greater Toledo, its Board, Staff and Membership strongly oppose the nomination of Jeffrey Sutton as a Judge representing the U.S. Sixth District Court of Appeals and demand an immediate withdrawal of the nomination by President George W. Bush and any support of the nomination by Ohio's U.S. Senator's, Mike DeWine and George Voinovich.

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